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NURSING IN MISSION STATIONS



[This department has a two-fold purpose,—to keep nurses in this country in touch with the work of missionary nurses, and to put missionary nurses in touch with each other, for an interchange of ideas, questions, and suggestions. All nurses engaged in mission work, of every creed and country, are invited to contribute to its columns.]

A MESSAGE FROM NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

WRITING from the Reformed Baptist Mission Station, Paulpietersberg, Mrs. Ida Morgan Kierstead says:

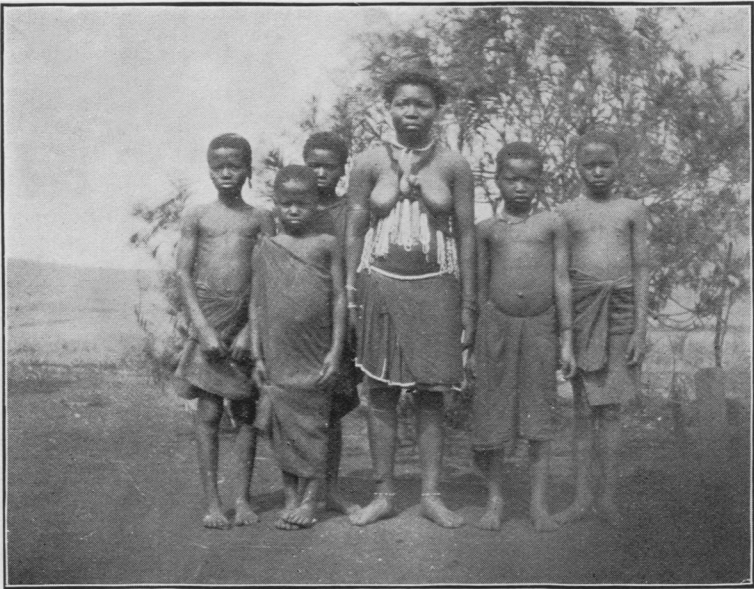
“Through the kindness of a sister nurse the JOURNAL reaches me each month, and I want to say how much I appreciate its visits. I greatly enjoy each article, also the discussions, from time to time.

“Probably the JOURNAL readers would like to hear a little of our life here. My work is mostly teaching, yet I have a great deal of medical work, especially malaria, the natives coming several miles for treatment from the Inkosikozì (teacher). Our co-workers, Dr. Sanders and his wife, have been on furlough for almost three years, so I have to diagnose my own cases. The district surgeon lives about twenty miles from here, but these people usually prefer the native doctor with all his charms and strong emetics, so I do not call the white doctor very often. We haven’t a suitable hospital, but hope to have in the near future.

“Some time ago we had to send the donkey to bring two patients who live ten miles from here, they had fever for about two months. It is indeed a pleasure to minister to their needs,—at the same time we have the opportunity of telling them of the Great Physician who came to heal their sin-sick souls.

“I have many sick babies to attend, with stomach trouble and pneumonia. Many times I should like to have a doctor or nurse to consult with.

“These Zulus are intelligent and soon learn to trust the white teachers. They come from near and far to have their teeth extracted. They sit on a stone in the yard while I perform this operation, which would be very amusing sometimes, if not so serious. They always want to take the tooth that has been troublesome home with them, and should a waiting fowl make way with it, there is a great chase and shouting time until the offender is so thoroughly tired she is forced to surrender her prize.”



SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS. THE CENTRE GIRL IS AN ISIMISI
(WITCH-DOCTOR).